

Application Serial No. 09/463,541
Reply to Office Action of December 19, 2003

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In response to the objection to the drawings, the replacement sheets of all FIGS. 1-9B showing the better line quality will be submitted as soon as it is ready but no later than the payment of the issue fee upon issuance of a Notice of Allowance. The required drawing changes relate to improving line quality of the items in the figures, which are not considered as substantive drawing changes. The undersigned attorney of the record has called the Examiner on February 13, 2004 about this, and the Examiner has agreed that the drawings can be filed before the payment of the issue fee.

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application before this amendment. By the present amendment, Claims 8-9 and 22 have been canceled without prejudice, and Claims 1, 7, 10, 14 and 23 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 3-6, 14-15, and 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,835,857 (Otten). The "et al." suffix, which may appear after a reference name, is omitted in this paper.

Claims 2 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Otten in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,943,606 (Kremm).

Claims 7-13 and 20-23 are indicated as being allowable if they are rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to these objections, the limitations of the allowable Claims 8-

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9 have been incorporated into Claim 1, and the limitations of the allowable Claim 22 have been incorporated into Claim 14. This effectively incorporates the feature of monitoring background noise/interference at the remote stations into Claim 1 and Claim 22. This feature allows a station transmitting data to another station to adjust its transmission power to ensure a desired signal to noise ratio at the receiving station.

As the Office Action has indicated that Claims 7-13 and 20-23 are allowable, it is therefore respectfully submitted that the present amendments of Claims 1 and 14 are considered to place Claims 1 and 14 (and all pending claims dependent from them) in condition for allowance.

Claim 7 has been amended to correct an inadvertent typographical error in the manner suggested in the Office Action (i.e., "our" has been corrected to -- out--).

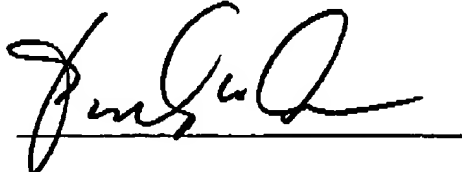
For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-7, 10-21, and 23, now pending in this application, have either been allowed or are in condition for allowance. This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance in the next action. Should the

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Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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